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PERFORMANCE OF BT. COTTON
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Monitoring Committees have been set up in all cotton growing States to evaluate the performance of Bt. Cotton;

(b) if so, the details of the reports received from the States in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to educate the farmers for proper use of Bt. Cotton to derive economic benefits?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a): State Governments have been advised to constitute post-release monitoring committees to monitor the performance of Bt. Cotton.

(b): No reports have been received from any post-release monitoring committee.

(c): The Government has been organizing workshops, seminars and communication programmes for farmers, scientists, SAUs and other stakeholders to educate them to derive maximum economic benefits from cultivation of Bt. Cotton. Further, seed companies are required to provide to the farmers information related to cultivation of Bt. cotton in local languages.